

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 33 as follows:

Referring to Figures 2 and 3, the serpentine tube 24 is supported on brackets 26 located at each ~~secondary~~ base assembly suspension point. For clarity in Figure 2, the brackets 26 are shown only at the locations where serpentine tube 24 is shown by full lines. As shown in Figure 3, the brackets 26 and the base assemblies 20 are supported from primary support members 19 by tie rods 27. Although these tie rods are load bearing and subject to high temperatures at their lower ends, they are in tension and so not subject to buckling loads. To permit adjustment during assembly of the whole catalyst support structure, the location of the base assemblies 20 relative to the primary support members 19 is preferably by means of threaded portions and nuts at the upper and/or the lower ends of the tie rods 27.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 as follows:

Each hinge member 34 is also provided with a pin 36, positioned at a location below the axis of projections 35, projecting from the hinge member 34 in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the rounded projections 35. A grid support 21 having an elongated slot 37 at each end is mounted on each pin 36 and extends through the slot 32 in the outer upstand 31. The grid support is thus supported by a pin 36 on a hinge member 34 pivoting in the base member 28 about an axis ~~parallel~~ perpendicular to, but above, said pin. The grid supports 21 thus extend from the base member 28 in a direction parallel to the axis of the rounded projections 35. Each grid support 21 engages at its other end with a corresponding pin on a hinge member of an adjacent base assembly or with a pin connected to the periphery of the lower portion 17 of the skirt 15. The mounting of the grid supports at the periphery of the skirt is described hereinafter with reference to Figure 9.